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Hope College, Holland, Mich., APRIL 10, 1939

## GLORY DAY TODAY!

### DUOTAKES GOLD AWARD IN MEET

**Bonthius Wins 2nd In Oratory By Close Vote**

### JACOBS 3: EXTEMP

By the unanimous decision of the three judges, Hope debaters Robert Bonthius and Donald Van Liere last Saturday won the men's debate championship of Pi Kappa Delta's biennial Province of the Lakes speech convention, held April 7 and 8 at Kent, Ohio.

After five rounds of debating, all but two of the nineteen teams, representing colleges and universities from Michigan to Maine, were eliminated. Only Kent State University and Hope College survived to argue out the championship. The defeated Ohio university team was one of the 7 highest ranking duos at the national Pi Kappa Delta convention last year, which made the Hope victory even more impressive.

At the end of the fifth debate, the Kent team had three wins, one loss and one bye, while Hope debaters had taken four and dropped one. Hope's other team, Marinus Pott and Wilbur Jacobs, ranked above average with three victories and two defeats. All teams with two or more losses were eliminated, however.

Again, in the oratorical divisions, Robert Bonthius, speaking on "Galileos of 1939" came out victoriously for Hope, attaining second place in that event. Jack Dunn, Michigan State College Hawaiian, who won this year's State Oratorical, was awarded first place.

Eight schools were entered in the contest. A new system of procedure was initiated by which each contestant speaks twice among different opponents and different judges. The cumulative ratings of all the judges are assembled to give the final decision. Mr. Bonthius received two first places, three seconds, and one third.

Another honor was attained by Wilbur Jacobs, who placed third in a field of eleven participants in the extempore section of the Province of the Lake tourney. As in oratory, the different type of contest was utilized.

All awards made at the closing banquet of the two day meet. At that time, Mr. Bonthius and Mr. Van Liere received gold keys for their debating triumph. Mr. Bonthius received a silver key for his work in oratory. Mr. Jacobs received a bronze key for his placement in extempore.

The girls' debating teams, composed of Mildred Mulder and Theodora Meulendyke, Virginia Ellison and Althea Raffenaud were ranked above average in their division. Miss Ellison also orated.

### TO THESE BE THE GLORY

This is not just an excuse to take a day from classes. This is a sincere effort on the part of the students to show those students who have brought honor upon Hope college that we appreciate the work which they have done.

Oratory and debate take time. We realize that hours are spent in the library doing research work, that it means that a student must constantly be on the alert to world conditions. We appreciate the fact that the students interested in this work have spent this time without getting credit hours.

But a word must also be said for the coaches. Professor De Graaf and Dr. Roland Shackson have given much of their time to make this extra-curricular activity possible. When we applaud the winners today, we are also applauding the coaches, for it is good coaching that makes the wins possible.

Our speech department has heaped glory on Hope by bringing home three medals from a provincial contest, the highest contest they enter—therefore we heap glory on them today.

### Interp Readers Contest April 12 In Chapel

The local annual interpretive reading contest will be held Wednesday, April 12 at 2:00 p. m. in the Hope Memorial chapel, it was announced this morning by Rolland Shackson, head of the speech department.

As related in the Anchor of three weeks ago, separate contests will be held for men and women, one following the other. Contestants may read any two selections of their own choosing, not to exceed five minutes in length. All readings must be memorized, Dr. Shackson emphasized.

The winners of the men's and women's contests will be Hope's representatives at the Michigan Intercollegiate Speech League interpretive reading contest to be held in Kalamazoo, Friday, May 5. Runners-up in the local contests will enter the prose division of the state event.

### PI KAP ELECTS V. ELLISON PRESIDENT

At a meeting held last Wednesday evening members of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity, elected Miss Virginia Ellison, junior, to head the organization for the coming school year. Other officers chosen included Althea Raffenaud, vice president, Richard Aardsma, secretary, and Gordon Van Wyk, treasurer.

At this same meeting twenty new members were initiated into Pi Kappa Delta. They included: Richard Aardsma, Dorothy Boeve, Emily Bielefeld, Mary Ruth Jacobs, Marinus Pott, Anthony Pennings, Charles Stoppels, Walter Masak, James White, John Westhoof, Harold Mackey, Katherine Stronks, Lucille Kardux, Olive Van Enwyk, Jean Wishmeier, Althea Raffenaud, Edith Rameau, Eunice Scholten, Floyd Folkert, Gordon Van Wyk.

The officers will be initiated at the formal banquet which will be held Wednesday, May 3.

### NO CLASSES GO TO GYM AT 8:05

**Council In Charge As We Celebrate Triple-Win**

8:00—Meeting in Carnegie Gym.
9:00—Parade through the town.
10:30—Colonial Theater.

For the first time since the 1936-37 school year the student body has won a glory day. Twice before, basketball championships threatened to merit us glory but each time we were disappointed. Now, with the speech department winning three medals: a first in debate, in which the winning team, Bob Bonthius and Don Van Liere, defeated the team which last year won the national championship; a second in oratory, won by Bob Bonthius; and a third in extemporaneous speaking, won by Bill Jacobs, we are proud to honor them.

Classes will not be attended. Instead of attending chapel the students will meet in Carnegie gymnasium at about 8 o'clock. Speeches will be made by members of the speech department and officials in the Hope chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, national honorary forensic fraternity.

It is probable that students will tour Holland following this meeting. Mr. Carley will open the Colonial theater at 10:30 and students will see a glory day special.

Bill De Groot, president of the Student Council held a hasty meeting yesterday afternoon with his governing body to organize plans for today's festivities.

Definite plans for activities for the afternoon and evening have not been arranged.

Incidentally, the last glory day which we celebrated was also brought about by a win in the speech department. In 1937, Miss Lucille Buter won the state oratorical contest for women. During that year Hope also took the M.I.A.A. sport trophy.

Virginia Ellison, member of the women's debate squad and the women's oratory representatives at the Pi-Kap meet is at present confined to her home because of illness. She is suffering from streptococcus infection. Virginia became ill while on the trip and returned home Saturday. Students wish her a speedy recovery.

Robert Bonthius and Donald Van Liere have won fourteen out of their sixteen intercollegiate debates this past season, thus establishing one of the outstanding debating records in Hope history. They will both receive the Pi Kappa Delta diamond key of Highest Distinction this year.

### Notes on the Trip

The Thursday trip to Kent proved a great aid in the debate victories, the boys testify. Their Pi Kappa Delta subject has to do with government spending and on the affirmative side they must contend that it gets us no place.

About forty miles southeast of Blissfield, where they had stopped for lunch at Mildred Mulder's, there was a cross road where they were to turn. Prof. De Graaf's car was leading and when it turned right, Dr. Shackson's car followed. They travelled along for about thirty-five miles and passed through several unfamiliar small towns before "Doc" sensed that

there was something "fees in Finland" (phrase copyrighted by the debaters on the trip.) They soon found that the turn should have been the other way. Honking De Graaf to the side of the road he was duly informed that the girls had led him astray; and the mileage was retraced, with a loss of 70 miles and 1 and one-half hours.

In the debates, Bob and Don used this to show that government spending is a huge expenditure and takes a lot of time but it doesn't get the economic auto anywhere. So the boys owe their success to the trip, and indirectly to the girls, after all.